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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,689,100 in August. Last month's revised figure was 1,683,500 and last year's figure was 1,638,600.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 338,600 for August, compared to 337,500 for July and 329,300 one year ago. Mining crept up 300 due to increased activity in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction displayed positive movement in all segments with the exception of heavy construction. Manufacturing employment held steady with an increase in durable goods offsetting a decrease in nondurable goods.

Service producing employment rose sharply to a level of 1,350,500. This was an increase of 4,500 and 41,200 from the month-ago and year-ago figures, respectively. Transportation, communications, and public utilities showed a small increase mainly due to more activity at the state's ports. Trade continued on an upward trend with the retail trade sector leading the way as a result of all segments showing increases except building materials and garden supplies, and furniture and equipment. Increased business in banking and real estate nudged the finance, insurance, and real estate sector upward. Services spiraled upward with the gains centered mainly in the business services, amusement and recreation, and educational services segments. Government employment was lower as seasonal trends continued in education payrolls and the release of youths hired for the summer occurred.

Louisiana's 135,700 production workers earned average weekly earnings of $555.99 in August. The July revised figure was $560.70 and the August, 1993 level was $534.25. Average hourly earnings estimated at $12.93 for August were $0.14 less than July, but $0.30 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours for August were 43.0, compared to 42.9 for July and 42.3 for last year.

The August preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.9 percent, a slight increase from the July revised rate of 7.7 percent. The national unemployment rate for August remained the same as the July rate of 6.1 percent. Total unemployment for August increased to 155,000. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,974,100 with an increase in total employment to 1,819,100.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,689.1	1,683.5	1,638.6	+ 5.6	+50.5
GOODS PRODUCING	338.6	337.5	329.3	+ 1.1	+ 9.3
MINING	46.7	46.4	45.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Oil and Gas Extraction	44.8	44.5	44.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	105.7	104.9	96.7	+ 0.8	+ 9.0
General Contractors	19.3	18.8	16.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.8	40.1	38.4	- 0.3	+ 1.4
Special Trade Contractors	46.6	46.0	41.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
MANUFACTURING	186.2	186.2	186.8	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	79.3	79.2	79.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	13.3	13.3	13.2	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.0	6.1	5.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	12.9	12.8	13.7	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.9	12.9	12.8	0	+ 0.1
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	5.4	5.5	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.5	21.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	4.5	4.5	4.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	106.9	107.0	107.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	22.3	22.3	21.7	0	+ 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	10.7	10.6	11.5	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	11.6	11.6	12.0	0	- 0.4
Printing & Publishing	9.4	9.5	9.4	- 0.1	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.5	30.6	30.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Inorganic Chemicals	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 0.1
Organic Chemicals	10.6	10.6	10.5	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.6	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	9.8	9.8	9.6	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,350.5	1,346.0	1,309.3	+ 4.5	+41.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	108.4	108.3	105.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	65.9	65.6	62.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
Water Transportation	23.4	23.3	22.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Communications & Public Util.	37.7	37.9	38.0	- 0.2	- 0.3
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	15.9	16.0	16.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv.	21.8	21.9	22.0	- 0.1	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	395.3	392.4	383.2	+ 2.9	+12.1
Wholesale Trade	87.8	87.5	84.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.7	47.7	46.5	0	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	40.1	39.8	38.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Retail Trade	307.5	304.9	298.3	+ 2.6	+ 9.2
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	11.7	11.8	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	42.0	41.4	40.3	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Food Stores	60.2	59.9	58.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	35.0	34.8	33.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Apparel and Accessory	16.0	15.6	15.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Furniture and Equipment	10.7	10.7	10.6	0	+ 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	100.8	99.9	97.8	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
Other Retail Trade	31.1	30.8	30.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.6	79.4	78.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Banking	28.4	28.3	27.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Insurance	26.9	26.9	26.7	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	430.9	426.3	408.2	+ 4.6	+22.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.3	21.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Personal Services	14.4	14.4	13.9	0	+ 0.5
Business Services	71.7	69.7	66.2	+ 2.0	+ 5.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	12.7	12.6	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.8	6.5	0	+ 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	21.5	20.6	14.7	+ 0.9	+ 6.8
Health Services	146.1	145.9	140.4	+ 0.2	+ 5.7
Hospitals	61.5	61.6	59.6	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Legal Services	16.5	16.6	16.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Educational Services	22.9	21.3	22.7	+ 1.6	+ 0.2
Social Services	28.4	28.7	27.0	- 0.3	+ 1.4
Membership Organizations	26.4	26.7	26.6	- 0.3	- 0.2
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.3	29.2	27.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Miscellaneous Services	6.2	6.3	6.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
GOVERNMENT	336.3	339.6	334.1	- 3.3	+ 2.2
Federal	36.7	36.8	37.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
State and Local	299.6	302.8	297.0	- 3.2	+ 2.6
State	101.2	102.9	100.3	- 1.7	+ 0.9
Local	198.4	199.9	196.7	- 1.5	+ 1.7

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '94*	July '94**	Aug. '93**	Aug. '94*	July '94**	Aug. '93**	Aug. '94*	July '94**	Aug. '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$555.99	$560.70	$534.25	43.0	42.9	42.3	$12.93	$13.07	$12.63
Durable Goods	498.78	509.39	483.58	43.6	43.8	43.1	11.44	11.63	11.22
Lumber & Wood Products	373.54	426.68	405.45	42.4	44.4	45.1	8.81	9.61	8.99
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	488.68	451.27	495.55	42.2	40.4	42.5	11.58	11.17	11.66
Fabricated Metal Products	445.37	473.19	450.14	41.2	44.1	43.2	10.81	10.73	10.42
Machinery, ex. Electrical	530.36	513.16	516.78	45.8	44.2	46.1	11.58	11.61	11.21
Electric & Electronic Equip.	725.41	747.23	696.17	43.0	40.5	43.0	16.87	18.45	16.19
Transportation Equipment	561.60	563.94	511.11	45.0	44.9	40.5	12.48	12.56	12.62
Nondurable Goods	602.23	603.62	575.88	42.5	42.3	41.7	14.17	14.27	13.81
Food & Kindred Products	342.15	344.21	314.71	40.3	40.4	38.1	8.49	8.52	8.26
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	262.55	239.08	213.45	37.4	34.4	33.3	7.02	6.95	6.41
Paper & Allied Products	661.52	665.41	629.77	42.9	42.6	42.9	15.42	15.62	14.68
Printing & Publishing	451.58	456.92	454.30	37.6	38.3	38.5	12.01	11.93	11.80
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	931.71	909.44	865.72	46.4	46.4	46.0	20.08	19.60	18.82
Petroleum & Coal Products	886.65	936.85	918.46	44.2	45.5	46.2	20.06	20.59	19.88
Petroleum Refining	908.02	959.00	944.98	44.1	45.3	46.3	20.59	21.17	20.41
MINING	636.00	663.58	609.24	50.0	51.6	48.7	12.72	12.86	12.51
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	629.43	628.49	591.82	42.5	42.9	40.9	14.81	14.65	14.47
BANKING	335.16	335.31	333.09	36.0	35.9	37.3	9.31	9.34	8.93

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **135,700** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **83,700** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '94*	July '94**	Aug. '93**	Aug. '94*	July '94**	Aug. '93**	Aug. '94*	July '94**	Aug. '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$668.68	$683.11	$647.77	42.7	44.1	43.3	$15.66	$15.49	$14.96
Petro-Chemicals	914.81	942.47	893.41	45.4	47.1	46.8	20.15	20.01	19.09

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$590.92	$587.58	$532.59	44.0	43.3	41.0	$13.43	$13.57	$12.99
Durable Goods	504.32	496.51	423.31	44.2	43.1	38.8	11.41	11.52	10.91
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	505.79	424.02	480.60	45.2	38.2	44.5	11.19	11.10	10.80
Fabricated Metal Products	470.11	444.05	423.50	42.2	41.5	40.8	11.14	10.70	10.38
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	463.47	454.76	368.93	43.6	42.7	36.6	10.63	10.65	10.08
Nondurable Goods	665.55	665.76	620.60	43.7	43.4	42.8	15.23	15.34	14.50
Food & Kindred Products	454.52	441.15	397.47	44.3	42.5	40.6	10.26	10.38	9.79
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	182.29	171.18	182.52	34.2	31.7	33.8	5.33	5.40	5.40
Printing & Publishing	461.57	495.94	444.71	38.4	42.1	39.6	12.02	11.78	11.23
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	932.14	914.54	910.11	46.1	46.4	47.8	20.22	19.71	19.04

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$557.14	$581.47	$563.05	42.4	43.2	41.8	$13.14	$13.46	$13.47
Lumber and Wood Products	322.07	376.62	366.96	43.7	48.1	46.1	7.37	7.83	7.96
Food and Kindred Products	309.07	335.72	275.34	28.2	30.3	26.5	10.96	11.08	10.39
Printing and Publishing	391.93	389.20	433.54	38.5	40.0	40.9	10.18	9.73	10.60
Chemicals & Allied Products	621.92	664.10	653.59	43.4	45.3	45.2	14.33	14.66	14.46

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,300** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY AUG., 1994				REVISED JUL., 1994				REVISED AUG., 1993			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE
LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)	1974.1	1819.1	155.0	7.9	1950.2	1799.1	151.1	7.7	1869.9	1736.4	133.5	7.1
LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)	1987.0	1827.0	160.0	8.1	2003.5	1841.2	162.3	8.1	1886.1	1745.7	140.4	7.4

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	PREL AUG '94	REV JUL '94	REV AUG '93	PREL AUG '94	REV JUL '94	REV AUG '93	PREL AUG '94	REV JUL '94	REV AUG '93
ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES)	53.5	54.5	51.7	4.2	4.7	3.8	7.3	8.0	6.9
BATON ROUGE	262.7	264.3	251.5	21.5	22.5	19.1	7.6	7.9	7.0
ASCENSION	26.9	27.0	25.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	9.0	9.3	9.2
EAST BATON ROUGE	194.0	195.2	185.7	14.2	14.6	12.1	6.8	7.0	6.1
LIVINGSTON	32.9	33.1	31.5	3.8	4.1	3.6	10.3	10.9	10.1
WEST BATON ROUGE	8.9	9.0	8.6	0.9	1.0	0.8	9.5	10.4	8.8
HOUMA	74.7	75.6	71.0	5.7	5.5	5.2	7.1	6.8	6.8
LAFOURCHE	35.2	35.7	33.5	2.8	2.8	2.5	7.3	7.2	7.1
TERREBONNE	39.5	39.9	37.5	2.9	2.7	2.7	6.9	6.4	6.6
LAFAYETTE	150.8	151.4	143.7	12.2	12.2	10.6	7.5	7.4	6.8
ACADIA	20.9	21.0	19.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	8.2	8.7	9.1
LAFAYETTE	83.5	83.8	79.5	4.8	4.9	4.3	5.5	5.5	5.2
ST LANDRY	28.0	28.1	26.7	3.8	3.6	2.9	12.0	11.4	9.6
ST MARTIN	18.4	18.5	17.6	1.7	1.7	1.4	8.4	8.4	7.4
LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU)	76.0	77.4	72.9	7.1	6.9	5.8	8.6	8.2	7.4
MONROE (OUACHITA)	63.0	63.8	59.7	5.1	5.0	4.3	7.5	7.3	6.7
NEW ORLEANS	566.4	570.0	546.3	47.2	46.6	42.4	7.7	7.6	7.2
JEFFERSON	221.5	222.9	213.6	15.7	15.5	13.9	6.6	6.5	6.1
ORLEANS	191.6	192.8	184.8	18.0	17.3	15.9	8.6	8.2	7.9
PLAQUEMINES	9.7	9.8	9.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	7.8	8.2	7.0
ST BERNARD	29.3	29.5	28.3	2.8	2.7	2.3	8.7	8.4	7.4
ST CHARLES	19.5	19.6	18.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	8.4	8.6	9.1
ST JAMES	7.9	7.9	7.6	1.3	1.4	1.2	14.0	14.6	14.1
ST JOHN	17.1	17.3	16.5	1.8	2.0	1.9	9.5	10.3	10.4
ST TAMMANY	69.8	70.2	67.3	5.0	5.0	4.6	6.7	6.6	6.4
SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY	168.8	169.7	159.4	13.8	14.1	11.8	7.5	7.7	6.9
BOSSIER	40.1	40.4	37.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	6.3	6.3	6.3
CADDO	111.7	112.3	105.5	8.7	9.0	7.5	7.2	7.4	6.7
WEBSTER	17.0	17.0	16.0	2.4	2.4	1.8	12.2	12.5	10.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

PARISH	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	PREL AUG '94	REV JUL '94	REV AUG '93	PREL AUG '94	REV JUL '94	REV AUG '93	PREL AUG '94	REV JUL '94	REV AUG '93
ALLEN	8075	8050	7625	900	950	875	10.1	10.5	10.2
ASSUMPTION	8650	8725	7875	875	900	1025	9.1	9.3	11.5
AVOYELLES	15425	15350	12700	1725	1900	1500	10.1	11.0	10.5
BEAUREGARD	11925	12050	11425	1275	1200	1075	9.7	9.1	8.6
BIENVILLE	5925	6025	5625	575	575	475	8.8	8.8	7.9
CALDWELL	4050	4125	3975	575	550	400	12.4	11.6	9.1
CAMERON	3650	3675	3400	175	175	175	4.7	4.8	4.6
CATAHOULA	5125	5200	4800	600	625	450	10.3	10.8	8.7
CLAIBORNE	5250	5275	5150	625	675	375	10.8	11.3	6.9
CONCORDIA	7675	7750	7400	1025	1125	1000	11.9	12.7	12.0
DESOTO	9450	9575	8975	1000	1000	875	9.6	9.4	8.9
EAST CARROLL	3100	3150	3000	575	625	525	15.7	16.4	14.7
EAST FELICIANA	7675	7750	7225	700	725	650	8.4	8.6	8.3
EVANGELINE	11625	11775	11175	1050	1025	850	8.2	8.0	7.2
FRANKLIN	9725	9925	9325	1175	1200	950	10.7	10.8	9.2
GRANT	6300	6325	6425	825	825	525	11.5	11.6	7.4
IBERIA	27600	27775	26450	2675	2750	2225	8.8	9.0	7.7
IBERVILLE	12200	12250	11550	1600	1750	1425	11.6	12.5	10.9
JACKSON	6200	6250	5950	425	625	400	6.6	9.0	6.1
JEFFERSON DAVIS	11025	11175	10725	1100	1100	1025	9.0	9.0	8.8
LASALLE	5525	5625	5400	525	525	575	8.8	8.7	9.6
LINCOLN	18100	18350	17350	775	800	700	4.1	4.2	3.9
MADISON	4625	4700	4350	650	800	650	12.2	14.6	12.9
MOREHOUSE	12550	12750	12100	1625	1600	1325	11.4	11.1	9.9
NATCHITOCHES	15775	15900	14050	1425	1425	1225	8.3	8.2	7.7
POINTE COUPEE	9100	9150	8700	1375	1350	1025	13.2	12.9	10.6
RED RIVER	3575	3600	3375	375	375	300	9.6	9.6	8.4
RICHLAND	7800	7925	7425	1050	1100	825	11.9	12.2	9.9
SABINE	8925	8975	8500	675	600	625	7.0	6.3	6.9
ST HELENA	3775	3800	3625	400	400	300	9.8	9.4	7.6
ST MARY	23075	23275	21025	2425	2575	2200	9.5	9.9	9.5
TANGIPAHOA	36300	36550	34750	4950	4950	4125	12.0	11.9	10.6
TENSAS	2950	3050	2850	300	325	225	9.4	9.3	7.1
UNION	11150	11275	10475	700	700	675	5.9	5.8	6.2
VERMILION	21200	21250	19775	1575	1700	1475	6.9	7.4	6.9
VERNON	16150	16200	15750	1575	1550	1475	8.9	8.7	8.6
WASHINGTON	15675	15725	14700	1675	1775	1500	9.7	10.1	9.2
WEST CARROLL	4350	4325	4500	900	1025	725	17.2	19.4	14.0
WEST FELICIANA	3450	3500	3375	350	350	350	9.0	9.4	9.3
WINN	6400	6400	6050	400	575	300	5.9	8.2	4.5

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	50.0	50.5	49.6	- 0.5	+ 0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	7.3	7.2	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.6	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	42.7	43.3	42.7	- 0.6	0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.1	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	9.1	9.1	9.2	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
SERVICES	14.4	14.4	14.2	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	6.6	6.6	6.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.6	13.1	12.6	- 0.5	0
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.3	10.8	10.2	- 0.5	+ 0.1
State	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.3	5.8	5.3	- 0.5	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA continued to move downward in August to a level of 50,000. This was mainly due to the release of summer help in local government.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 7,300. This figure was 100 more than July as a result of increased business activity in general nonresidential contractors. Also, the largest over-the-year gain was centered primarily in the general nonresidential construction segment.

Service producing employment moved downward to a level of 42,700, a figure 600 below July, but remained at the same level as August, 1993. The current loss was triggered by the temporary or seasonal reductions of summer hires in local government. After six months of stability, wholesale trade was also on the downturn, resulting in a loss of 100 in the nondurable goods segment.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	259.0	259.3	255.2	- 0.3	+ 3.8
GOODS PRODUCING	54.9	54.2	54.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.5
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	30.8	30.2	30.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	23.2	23.1	23.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	6.1	6.0	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	17.1	17.1	17.5	0	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.2	12.5	0	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	204.1	205.1	200.8	- 1.0	+ 3.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.8	11.9	11.8	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58.0	57.6	56.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.4	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	9.1	9.1	9.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	44.5	44.2	43.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
General Merchandise	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.7	14.7	14.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	4.3	4.4	4.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	65.0	65.0	63.4	0	+ 1.6
GOVERNMENT	54.6	55.9	54.5	- 1.3	+ 0.1
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	52.2	53.5	52.1	- 1.3	+ 0.1
State	27.6	27.7	27.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
Local	24.6	25.8	24.2	- 1.2	+ 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA estimated at 259,000, was down 300 during August as a result of seasonal dismissals in local government. Goods producing employment was up 700, while service producing was down 1,000.

Goods producing rose to 54,900, an increase of 500 from the prior year. Business upturns in general nonresidential contractors were entirely responsible for the 600 increase in construction. Manufacturing continued its upward mobility due to more demand for fabricated metal products. The 1993 figure of 54,900 included an increase of 600 in construction, mainly in the general nonresidential and heavy construction segments. The continuing downsizing at local chemical plants was responsible for the over-the-year loss in manufacturing.

Service producing employment began its normal seasonal downturn, declining to 204,100 for August. The decrease was centered primarily in government due to seasonal or temporary summer cutbacks in state and local government. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment decreased to 11,800, reflecting payroll reductions in the communication segment. The grand opening of new businesses in the wholesale office supply segment, and in the retail segments of department stores, gasoline service stations, and restaurants resulted in an overall growth of 400 in trade.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,800 production workers in all manufacturing was $668.68 for August, a decrease of $14.43 from the July average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $20.91. Average weekly hours, at 42.7, decreased by 1.4 hours in August, while average hourly earnings, at $15.66, increased by $0.17 an hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 284,200. This figure was comprised of 262,700 employed and 21,500 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.6 percent in August.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,767 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,969 referrals to current openings resulted in 116 placements during August.

HOUMA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.1	61.2	59.5	- 0.1	+ 1.6
GOODS PRODUCING	13.7	13.8	13.7	- 0.1	0
MINING	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
MANUFACTURING	5.6	5.7	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.1	4.1	3.7	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.6	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.4	47.4	45.8	0	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Water Transportation	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.3	15.3	14.7	0	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	11.9	0	+ 0.5
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.1	12.1	11.6	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	11.9	11.9	11.3	0	+ 0.6
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
State and Local	11.5	11.5	10.9	0	+ 0.6
State	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Local	8.5	8.5	8.1	0	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA decreased slightly by 100 from July to August to a level of 61,100. There was an increase of 1,600 from the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment showed a minimal loss of 100 in the nondurable goods manufacturing sector. All other sectors remained steady over the month. At the goods producing level there was no year-ago change.

Service producing employment remained constant over the month, with no movement found in any of the sectors. There were several increases in the year-ago figures.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	139.3	138.7	136.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
GOODS PRODUCING	34.7	34.3	33.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
MINING	11.3	11.2	11.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.4	7.1	6.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	16.0	16.0	15.4	0	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.0	0	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	10.5	10.5	10.4	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	104.6	104.4	103.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.1	8.2	8.1	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	35.9	35.4	34.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.0	7.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	27.8	27.4	26.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	4.0	3.6	3.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 0.1
Banking	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	33.1	32.8	32.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	21.8	22.3	22.0	- 0.5	- 0.2
Federal	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
State and Local	20.5	21.0	20.7	- 0.5	- 0.2
State	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.6	15.1	14.9	- 0.5	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 139,300 in August, was up by 600 from the July revised estimate of 138,700.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,700, a gain of 400 from last month's estimate of 34,300. Construction rose by 300 due to job growth spread across the entire construction sector. Mining was up 100 in August, which has not happened in several months.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,600, an increase of 200 from the July estimate. Trade increased 500 mostly due to employment growth in the general merchandise stores sector. Services was up by 300 due to seasonal hiring in educational services. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a minimal loss of 100. Government was down 500 reflecting the end of summer job programs for youths.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	73.5	74.5	72.5	- 1.0	+ 1.0
GOODS PRODUCING	19.5	19.8	19.5	- 0.3	0
MINING	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.9	7.2	7.0	- 0.3	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	11.2	11.2	11.0	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.5	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	9.3	9.3	9.5	0	- 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.5	8.6	8.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	54.0	54.7	53.0	- 0.7	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.3	4.3	4.8	0	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	16.4	16.3	16.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	13.1	13.0	13.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.3	18.2	17.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	12.4	13.3	12.2	- 0.9	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	11.8	12.7	11.6	- 0.9	+ 0.2
State	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Local	8.2	9.1	8.0	- 0.9	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA totaled 73,500 for the month of August. This was a substantial drop of 1,000 from the prior month, but a gain of 1,000 from the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment eased down by 300 to a level of 19,500. The loss was scattered throughout the construction industry due to less business. All other sectors remained at the same level for July and August.

Service producing employment noted a loss of 700 overall. Trade and services each had a gain of 100, while local government fell by 900 due to the release of youth hired for the summer.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	62.4	63.1	60.9	- 0.7	+ 1.5
GOODS PRODUCING	11.4	11.5	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.2	3.1	- 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	51.0	51.6	49.6	- 0.6	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.7	15.7	14.9	0	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	11.7	0	+ 0.7
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	3.2	3.2	2.7	0	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICES	16.1	16.1	15.8	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.4	12.0	11.3	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.9	11.5	10.8	- 0.6	+ 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.4	7.0	6.5	- 0.6	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,400 in August. This was 700 less than the July revised estimate, but 1,500 higher than August, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 11,400, and was 100 lower than July, but 100 higher than August one year ago. Mining and manufacturing showed no change over the month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 51,000 for August. This was 600 less than July, but 1,400 more than August, 1993. Wholesale and retail trade, services, finance, insurance, and real estate all remained stable over the month. Government showed a decrease of 600, which was centered in local government, due to the layoff of summer youth workers.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	575.2	575.4	569.6	- 0.2	+ 5.6
GOODS PRODUCING	87.1	87.4	87.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
MINING	13.9	13.8	14.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.4	13.4	13.7	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	24.6	24.7	25.5	- 0.1	- 0.9
MANUFACTURING	48.6	48.9	47.3	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	23.1	23.3	21.9	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.3	11.4	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.6	9.7	8.9	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	25.5	25.6	25.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	5.5	5.4	- 0.1	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	488.1	488.0	482.6	+ 0.1	+ 5.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	42.5	42.9	43.3	- 0.4	- 0.8
Railroad Transportation	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.4	8.5	8.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	11.5	11.6	12.2	- 0.1	- 0.7
Comm. & Public Util.	12.9	13.0	13.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	141.1	140.9	140.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	33.2	33.3	33.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.2	17.4	17.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	16.0	15.9	16.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	107.9	107.6	107.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	12.6	12.4	12.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Food Stores	20.5	20.6	20.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	38.4	38.4	38.4	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	30.4	30.3	29.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Banking	9.7	9.7	9.5	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	171.1	170.5	167.0	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.2	13.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	49.3	49.2	48.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Educational Services	14.6	14.9	14.5	- 0.3	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	103.0	103.4	101.7	- 0.4	+ 1.3
Federal	17.0	17.0	17.6	0	- 0.6
State and Local	86.0	86.4	84.1	- 0.4	+ 1.9
State	23.5	23.7	22.7	- 0.2	+ 0.8
Local	62.5	62.7	61.4	- 0.2	+ 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA was estimated at 575,200 for August. This was 200 below the July revised figure, but 5,600 above August one year ago.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 87,100 for August. This was 300 less than July, but 100 higher than the year-ago figure. Mining was up 100 over the month, while construction was down by 100 in the heavy construction segment. Manufacturing employment was lower for both the durable and nondurable goods sectors.

Service producing, estimated at 488,100, was 100 above July and 5,500 higher than last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down by 400 due to losses in the trucking and warehousing, water transportation, and utilities sectors. Trade employment increased mainly due to growth in the general merchandising, and apparel and accessory stores sectors. The finance, insurance, and real estate industry had a minimal increase of 100 in August. Services employment was higher mainly due to growth in the amusement and recreation services sector. The decrease in government payrolls was largely due to summer employees being released in August.

An estimated 34,600 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $590.92 per week, up $3.34 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 44.0, up from 43.3 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.43, down from $13.57 in July, and $0.44 higher than August of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 47,200 in August. The unemployment rate registered 7.7 percent.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1994*	July 1994**	Aug. 1993**	Net Change From July 1994	Net Change From Aug. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	159.9	159.8	154.9	+ 0.1	+ 5.0
GOODS PRODUCING	31.9	31.8	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	8.3	8.3	8.1	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	20.5	20.5	20.4	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	14.3	14.3	14.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.0	4.9	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods	5.3	5.4	5.3	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	6.2	6.2	6.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	128.0	128.0	123.4	0	+ 4.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.2	8.4	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	37.6	37.2	36.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade	9.0	9.0	8.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	28.6	28.2	27.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.6	6.7	6.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	45.2	45.1	41.5	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
GOVERNMENT	30.4	30.8	30.4	- 0.4	0
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
State and Local	25.3	25.7	25.3	- 0.4	0
State	8.6	8.6	8.4	0	+ 0.2
Local	16.7	17.1	16.9	- 0.4	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 159,900 for August, this was an increase of 100 from the July revised figure of 159,800.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 31,900, increased 100 from the July level of 31,800. Mining was the only industry in the goods producing sector to show an increase.

Service producing employment, estimated at 128,000, held steady for August. Trade was up 400 due to more jobs in general merchandise stores, and eating and drinking places. Government dropped 400 due to seasonal layoffs in local government. The finance, insurance, and real estate, and services sectors offset each other with a job change of 100.

An estimated 15,300 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $557.14 in August, compared to $581.47 in July. Average weekly hours decreased to 42.4 in August, compared to 43.2 in July. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.14 in August, compared to $13.46 in July.

The civilian labor force for the MSA, estimated at 182,600, included 168,800 employed and 13,800 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

ANNUAL AVERAGES

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS		URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS	
YEAR	INDEX*	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
1987	113.6	+ 3.6	112.5	+ 3.6
1988	118.3	+ 4.1	117.0	+ 4.0
1989	124.0	+ 4.8	122.6	+ 4.8
1990	130.7	+ 5.4	129.0	+ 5.2
1991	136.2	+ 4.2	134.3	+ 4.1
1992	140.3	+ 3.0	138.2	+ 2.9
1993	144.5	+ 3.0	142.1	+ 2.8

MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

		% CHANGE FROM PRIOR			% CHANGE FROM PRIOR	
1993	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]
Jan.	142.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.3	140.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Feb.	143.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.2	140.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Mar.	143.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.1	141.1	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Apr.	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.2	141.6	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
May	144.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.2	141.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
June	144.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.0	142.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
July	144.4	0	+ 2.8	142.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Aug.	144.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	142.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Sept.	145.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.7	142.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Oct.	145.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.8	143.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Nov.	145.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	143.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Dec.	145.8	0	+ 2.7	143.3	- 0.1	+ 2.5
1994						
Jan.	146.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	143.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Feb.	146.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Mar.	147.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Apr.	147.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.4	144.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
May	147.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	144.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
June	148.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	145.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
July	148.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	145.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Aug.	149.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.9	146.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.9

TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:

$$\frac{\text{CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD}}{\text{PRIOR PERIOD}} \times 100 = \% \text{ change}$$

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF AUGUST, 1994

INDUSTRY	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	869	722	147	7	7	0	24	17	7
Contract Construction (15-17)	7,003	4,763	2,240	155	108	47	1,616	1,152	464
Manufacturing (20-39)	2,866	1,407	1,459	61	34	27	201	126	75
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,709	907	802	26	20	6	145	85	60
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	855	594	261	22	20	2	150	108	42
Retail Trade (52-59)	3,597	1,877	1,720	85	51	34	410	183	227
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	830	593	237	22	20	2	152	103	49
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	8,181	4,283	3,898	252	144	108	1,094	579	515
Public Administration (91-97)	1,023	475	548	32	24	8	117	41	76
All Others	140	57	83	0	0	0	50	16	34
Totals	27,073	15,678	11,395	662	428	234	3,959	2,410	1,549

OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,383	3,036	1,347	89	68	21	722	493	229
Clerical and Sales	6,436	4,145	2,291	144	114	30	1,006	601	405
Services Occupations	3,289	923	2,366	111	37	74	234	53	181
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related	178	82	96	13	6	7	6	3	3
Processing Occupations	562	258	304	2	1	1	38	23	15
Machine Trades	981	671	310	40	35	5	100	82	18
Benchwork Occupations	718	328	390	18	4	14	54	43	11
Structural Work Occupations	6,815	4,391	2,424	150	94	56	1,470	977	493
Miscellaneous Occupations	3,711	1,844	1,867	95	69	26	329	135	194
Totals	27,073	15,678	11,395	662	428	234	3,959	2,410	1,549

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	HOUMA AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
INDUSTRY	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	69	59	10	252	204	48	19	17	2
Contract Construction (15-17)	159	132	27	386	200	186	509	406	103
Manufacturing (20-39)	190	110	80	306	151	155	51	34	17
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	69	53	16	149	91	58	46	30	16
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	35	29	6	79	53	26	21	14	7
Retail Trade (52-59)	117	93	24	243	151	92	132	94	38
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	15	13	2	65	55	10	23	17	6
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	172	113	59	459	303	156	243	164	79
Public Administration (91-97)	26	12	14	88	48	40	24	14	10
All Others	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	1
Totals	853	615	238	2,029	1,257	772	1,069	790	279
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	96	81	15	316	256	60	129	110	19
Clerical and Sales	177	139	38	460	359	101	255	202	53
Services Occupations	88	41	47	244	83	161	88	36	52
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	8	8	0	8	3	5	5	0	5
Processing Occupations	120	68	52	82	41	41	33	19	14
Machine Trades	40	30	10	65	46	19	33	25	8
Benchwork Occupations	3	2	1	103	45	58	23	20	3
Structural Work Occupations	223	177	46	454	241	213	397	309	88
Miscellaneous Occupations	98	69	29	297	183	114	106	69	37
Totals	853	615	238	2,029	1,257	772	1,069	790	279

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF AUGUST, 1994

INDUSTRY	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	6	6	0	140	101	39	71	64	7
Contract Construction (15-17)	171	124	47	1,527	871	656	346	202	144
Manufacturing (20-39)	86	38	48	684	328	356	333	139	194
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	20	7	13	687	308	379	106	57	49
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	4	3	1	283	178	105	89	70	19
Retail Trade (52-59)	154	82	72	1,408	623	785	354	175	179
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	30	28	2	347	218	129	69	51	18
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	290	150	140	3,147	1,541	1,606	727	308	419
Public Administration (91-97)	21	7	14	334	123	211	64	29	35
All Others	0	0	0	44	14	30	9	5	4
Totals	782	445	337	8,601	4,305	4,296	2,168	1,100	1,068

OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	117	87	30	1,743	1,124	619	370	252	118
Clerical and Sales	217	148	69	2,427	1,397	1,030	545	337	208
Services Occupations	128	35	93	1,283	273	1,010	330	60	270
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	10	2	8	39	18	21	23	5	18
Processing Occupations	5	2	3	103	34	69	26	3	23
Machine Trades	35	20	15	299	187	112	107	63	44
Benchwork Occupations	6	2	4	97	42	55	99	28	71
Structural Work Occupations	119	83	36	1,626	831	795	332	188	144
Miscellaneous Occupations	145	66	79	984	399	585	336	164	172
Totals	782	445	337	8,601	4,305	4,296	2,168	1,100	1,068

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